

## Oravec listens; Faiella lacking

I moved to Port St. Lucie in 2003 and knew what was to be. I fell in love with its diversity, low crime rate, natural environment, and wonderful cultural life.

Bob Minsky was a mayor with vision, passion and visible leadership.

Unfortunately, that was not case with the mayors who followed. Joann Faiella lacks leadership qualities and created an atmosphere of controversy involving the Police department, the City Council and other entities.

It was for that reason that I decided to become involved in this year's mayoral election. Port St. Lucie needs a mayor who will bring leadership, transparency and vision to the office and who will be proactive in his relationship with the City Council.

I met Greg Oravec and Jim Rich in February during a breakfast meeting.

Oravec, listened carefully and respectfully, with intellect, caring and a sense of collaboration.

Rich gave me a speech regarding issues not relevant to the mayoralty. He was not interactive, not inclusive, and not tolerant of a perspective different from his own. I suspect he contributed to the fiscal mess we have in Port St. Lucie today due to his role as a member of the Planning and Zoning Board.

For these reasons, my family and I are proud to support Greg Oravec for mayor.

He graduated from the University of Miami with a degree in Marine Environmental Systems. He will bring many attributes to office, and besides many other projects, he would be a perfect fit in our pursuit of the development of the Port St. Lucie Riverwalk area of Westmoreland Boulevard, balancing growth while preserving the natural environment.